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WSP Trooper Ranked #2 in the Nation

Chief Ronal Serpas announced today Trooper Ronald J. Kessler was selected from other state nominations from across the United States and chosen as the runner-up by the American Legion National Office for the 2002 National Law Enforcement Officer Award.



Trooper Kessler, an eight-year State Patrol veteran stationed in Bremerton, was nominated for and selected as the 2001 Washington State Department American Legion award for his diligent professional actions and community service.

"His performance has been exemplary," said Sergeant Kent Hitchings. "He has outstanding organizational skills and is viewed as a leader by his peers."

Trooper Kessler was also recently selected as the 2002 District 8 "Trooper of the Year." Kessler will be joining the WSP Peer Support Team this summer so he can help others who go through traumatic incidents.

"Trooper Kessler is an example of all of the men and women in the Washington State Patrol who are committed to providing public safety for our citizens," said Chief Serpas.

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